

FOCAL POINT

Fast growth reflection of Frisco's quality of life



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

Since the last Focal Point, the U.S. Census Bureau has designated Frisco the fastest growing city in the country for the period of 2008 - 2009. Though this statistic has received a lot of media attention in our area and around the country, the news was no real surprise for the residents of Frisco. Fast growth is something we have been aware of for some time. We're reminded daily about our growth

when we see the number of new schools, roadways and even new retail centers being built.

As a result of this designation, I was interviewed by several newspaper, radio and TV reporters. One of the questions I always get asked is: "why do you think Frisco is growing so rapidly?" This is challenging to answer because our growth is based on our goal to achieve a level of excellence in many different areas, which helps us develop a very balanced city.

Frisco is in the Platinum Corridor of North Dallas, with both Preston Road and Dallas North Tollway going through the heart of the city. Being in this corridor allows easy transportation to key areas throughout the North Texas region; however, being in this corridor is not enough. One of the strengths of Frisco has always been long-term planning and strategic vision. With the stability of having the same city manager, George Purefoy, since 1987, we have been very consistent in implementing our master plan and building a relationship of trust with many different partners. This has given Frisco the reputation of a can-do city.

Of course, education is a very important part of our growth. Many young families make Frisco their home, and Frisco's school system is one of the primary reasons they make this decision. Frisco ISD is also the fastest growing school district in the country. Between Frisco

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Frisco Public Library to offer faster check out; library closed August 17 – 26 to upgrade system

Love your library, but not too fond of standing in line? Frisco Public Library will soon have a new, faster and easier way to check out books. In order to upgrade its circulation system, the library will be closed August 17 through August 26.

The 10-day timeframe is needed because retagging the library's collection is no small feat. There are more than 145,000 items including books, audio books, DVDs and CDs that have to be processed. Library staff will be working from 7:00 in the morning until 10:00 at night while the library is closed to accomplish the task, and staff will take a complete inventory of materials at the same time.

Part of the upgrade is converting the computer system to Microsoft Windows 7, but the star



The Borrow and Return Desk on the first floor of the Frisco Public Library is a busy place during peak hours. The library's new and improved Express Check system will make it easier for patrons to avoid waiting in line by checking out materials on their own.

of the upgrade is the new RFID equipment that will make the Express Check terminals provide a faster, more accurate checkout. The goal is to allow patrons a more convenient way to check

out their items, shortening the line at the Borrow and Return Desk.

Library staff will be available to walk patrons through how to use the new equipment when the

library reopens August 27, but ultimately the new circulation system will help the library staff function more efficiently too.

"We want our patrons to know that we are still here any time they need us, but the new and improved Express Check system will be much easier for guests to use on their own," said Gary Werchan, systems coordinator for the Frisco Public Library. "Once patrons get the hang of it, library staff will be free to get checked-in materials back on the shelf faster."

The Express Check terminals will be supplemented by handheld scanners that look a lot like the devices that patrons use at a retail store to add items to a baby or wedding registry. The portable scanners allow staff to assist you with check-out when the library

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Still time to register your NNO 2010 block party

National Night Out is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors better and to promote safety in your community. This year Frisco police and fire personnel will be out in force visiting Frisco communities on Tuesday evening, August 3.

Every neighborhood in Frisco is invited to participate in this year's National Night Out celebration by giving a going away party for crime and drugs. Signing up your block party is fast and easy. Just complete a registration form online at FriscoTexas.gov/nno. The registration form allows you to request visits from police, fire, and the city council.

Please contact the police department's Community Services



Division at 972-292-6145 or email Services@FriscoTexas.gov if you have any questions regarding National Night Out.

Last year the National Association of Town Watch ranked Frisco 21st in the nation, for cities with a population of 100,000 - 299,000, based on the city's overall success in National Night Out 2009. Last year was the



National Night Out is a great way to get to know your neighbors better. Plus you can meet some members of Frisco's outstanding police and fire departments. Register your party online today at FriscoTexas.gov/nno.

first year for us to compete in Category 2 due to our recent growth above the 100,000 population mark. Frisco Police want to

make 2010 the most successful year yet with more Frisco neighborhoods holding block parties

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City council meetings moved to new dates; watch live on FTVN

The regularly scheduled Frisco City Council meetings that would have happened on Tuesday night July 20 was moved to a later date. The second council meeting of July is now scheduled for Thursday, July 29.

The August 3 city council meeting coincided with National Night Out, so it has been moved to Wednesday night, August 4.

Frisco City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The public meeting portion begins at 6:30 p.m. The council hears citizens' input at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Live city council meetings stream online and air beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. From FriscoTexas.gov/FTVN, you can select 'city council meetings'.

City council meetings also air live on the Frisco Television Network on Time Warner cable channel 16, Grande Communications cable channel 12, Verizon FIOS channel 37 and AT&T U-verse channel 99.

Frisco City Council meetings are rebroadcast during the week on Tuesdays at 9 a.m., Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

MAYOR

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ISD and Lewisville ISD, some of the best schools in the country can be found here.

Along with some of the best schools, you can find several higher educational opportunities. Collin College, which has more than 46,000 students, is located throughout Collin County and includes a campus in Frisco. Our campus is also the fastest growing campus in the system. Along with Collin College, Dallas University has an MBA program as well as Amberton University and Dallas Baptist University.

Frisco has also focused on public safety and our citizens have invested in creating a very safe city. With the highest insurance industry rating, ISO No. 1, Frisco is in a very exclusive class of safe cities. Our police and fire departments are very proactive in searching for new ways to protect the public. Programs, such as the SAFER system (Situational Awareness for Emergency Response), are created to provide a whole new level of safety in our schools!

Frisco also enjoys a positive business climate. Our Frisco Economic Development Corporation, which is funded by the voter-approved half cent sales tax, is experiencing more business activity than ever before. Add to that a state with no income tax and "right to work" laws, corporations are looking to locate here in record numbers. I am always excited when I get

the opportunity to visit with these companies, and I hear the same thing over and over – that Frisco is a very unique city enjoying a high quality of life.

Frisco is home to 4.2 million square feet of commercial office space. Our business partners, such as Hall Office Park, Duke Bridges Office Park and Frisco Square, as well as many other active corporate centers continually get requests for information from national and world-wide companies.

Remember, I said I believe our fast growth can be explained by being a well balanced city, so I can spend hours speaking about our successes. Other areas helping define Frisco are sports and cultural arts. Tourism is at all-time high with busy hotels and a popular convention center. Frisco is known for professional and amateur sports since we're home to the Frisco RoughRiders, minor league baseball; Texas Tornado, junior league hockey; FC Dallas, major league soccer; corporate headquarters for the Dallas Stars; World Olympic Gymnastics Academy (WOGA) and Kurt Thomas Gymnastics, plus dozens of other youth sport teams and leagues. With the new sci-tech science center and black-box theater at the new Frisco Discovery Center opening this fall along with the regional Arts of Collin County project and numerous public art installations displayed throughout Frisco, our tourism industry continues to grow.

Of course, I also like to think that Frisco is the fastest growing city in the country because of a very progressive government! Over the years, your elected officials have focused on building a sustain-

able city by using long-range planning techniques and focusing on low taxes and a very efficient government. Frisco's tax rate has always been one of the lowest in the region. Every council has made that a priority and has made decisions based on getting a good 'rate of return' for our taxpayers. This line of thinking has been consistent over the years, not just during challenging economic times.

Speaking of our economic challenges, the City of Frisco has been holding 28 employee positions open. We have not added any new positions over 2008 approved staffing levels, even though the city's population has grown by more than 10 percent over the last two years. It has been a difficult time to be Mayor of Frisco, particularly given our goal of continuing sustainable growth, which includes increasing tourism, while having fewer employees to work towards achieving this goal. So far, we have been able to do just that without reducing service levels. I credit our employees, who are working harder than ever before to make sure our residents are taken care of. This hard work has been recognized by companies which have chosen to re-locate to our community.

It is a great time to be living in Frisco given our growth, quality of life and strong cultural arts and sports programs. We will continue to be the fastest growing community in the country due to the hard work and dedication of our employees and the commitment and volunteerism of our residents. I am proud and honored to be your mayor.

**Regards,
Mayor Maher Maso**

COFFEE TALK

Looking for a casual environment to learn more about what's happening at City Hall? Mayor Maher Maso's popular 'Coffee with the Mayor' program starts up again on August 9, after a brief hiatus in July.

Residents are invited to grab a Cup of Joe and friendly conversation the second Monday of each month. Mayor Maso is available to listen and to answer your questions from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The next Coffee with the Mayor will be held in the City Room, which is located on the fifth floor of City Hall inside the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center. Previous "offsite" Coffee with the Mayor meetings have been held at the Emergency Operations Center inside Frisco Central Fire Station and the North Texas Enterprise Center for Medical Technology, NTEC.

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Looking for detailed information about a City of Frisco service, program or event? Check out FriscoTexas.gov, your complete guide to the city government. Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco

news to your email address. Go to the home page and click on 'E-News' to subscribe.

Watch the Frisco Television Network (FTVN) live, 24-hours a day – including Frisco City Council meetings – online. Go to FriscoTexas.gov/ftvn.

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Think green when you clean



City of Frisco Environmental Services staff holds the next 'Chunk Your Junk' event on Saturday, August 14 from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The location is 6616 Walnut St. Entry will be from southbound First Street only. Other entries to the drop off location will be closed. For directions to the facility, call 972-292-5900 or go to FriscoTexas.gov/recycle.

The following items can be brought for safe disposal, recycling, or donation. In order to reduce idling time, the items are listed in the order which they can be unloaded at the event.

Please load your vehicle accordingly:

- Documents for shredding
- Cardboard

- Metal and appliances
- Yard waste, limbs and untreated wood for mulching
- Fencing
- Styrofoam, other trash
- Household chemicals (gasoline, oil, paint, pesticides, solvents and batteries)
- Computers, printers, cell phones and other e-waste
- Old clothes, furniture, books for donation

The city will accept one television per household, per visit at no charge. Televisions must have a 36 inch screen or smaller to be accepted. There is no cost to residents, but you must show your current driver's license with a Frisco address as well as a copy of your current water bill to prove residency.

In fact, a driver's license and current water bill are required for all chemical, electronic and appliance items dropped off. *There is



also a \$40 charge for all appliances and items requiring Freon extraction. That fee will be applied to your next utility bill.

A free paper shredding service will be provided. A four box limit per household will be accepted, with sizes not to exceed 12"W x

15.5" L x 10.5" H. No commercial accounts will be accepted.

Large crowds are expected, so please come early. The line will be cut off at 11:30 a.m. to ensure all residents already waiting are serviced.

Park Spotlight: Limestone Quarry Park

6300 Maltby Dr. (closest major intersection: SH 121 & Custer Road)

Nestled along Rowlett Creek, is the beautiful, natural park of Limestone Quarry. This unique park is a wonderful sight with its flowing grasses and native plants. In 2007, Half Associates was commissioned on behalf of The City of Frisco to develop this 17-acre neighborhood park in the heart of the growing and development of Hunter's Creek and Turnbridge Manor.

The park is an integral amenity to both the surrounding neighborhoods and Isbell Elementary School. The park fulfills the needs of park visitors, children and adults alike, by not only incorporating physical activities and educational amenities, but framing the natural beauty of the surrounding environment.

The park's master plan was designed around the three ideas of water, land and transportation, which played a major role in establishing the City of Frisco. Water is represented by a flowing "grass stream" which ends in a "grass pool" and simulates the curving creeks that define the city today. The two-tiered playground responds to the land's dramatic topography. All of these tie together the history and important role in which the city serves today.

Why the name Limestone Quarry? The park is located just across the street from what was once a limestone quarry and the name was chosen as a



way to memorialize and preserve the history of the area.

Park Features

Limestone Quarry has a multi-level accessible playground, basketball court, walking trails and pathways, public art, open space for more informal sports activities and, more passive spaces such as the central plaza with covered pavilion that serves as a great area for community gatherings and the perfect spot for an afternoon picnic. The playground is tucked into the side of a hill, allowing patrons with disabilities to access the upper areas of the playground. This is especially beneficial to those children that have mobility constraints to freedom to play, as well as allowing parents with mobility constraints to interact with their children.

One of the unique educational features of this park include the rubbing stations tucked among the native grasses where children are able to take pencil rubbings from the different stations and



then locate that plant material within the park environment. Sit back, relax and enjoy the view from one of the large limestone benches located throughout the park.

Take the trail...

If you're up for a walk or a family bike ride, explore Taychas (pronounced TAY-Haas) Trail. Parts of this one-mile trail wind along the Rowlett Creek and through some of the most peaceful, natural areas you will find in Frisco. This trail will later serve as a regional transportation mode as part of the Six Cities Trail Plan as well as connect to the Frisco network of hike and bike trails.

For questions regarding this park or any of our 43 parks, please call 972-292-6500 or email FriscoFun@FriscoTexas.gov. You can also pick up a copy of our Parks & Trails Guide at the Frisco Athletic Center (5828 Nancy Jane Ln.), Parks & Recreation Administration Building (6726 Walnut) or Frisco Chamber of Commerce (6843 W. Main Street).

Be Waterwise
about storm water:
please don't feed
the storm drain

Did you know you live in a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that contributes to runoff to a lake, river, stream or wetland. The majority of the water in Frisco drains into Lake Lewisville and a smaller percentage into Lakes Lavon and Ray Hubbard.

When pet waste, motor oil, fertilizers and other chemicals wash down into storm drains, they flow into our local bodies of water untreated, contaminating drinking water sources. It's called "Nonpoint Source Pollution."

Nonpoint source pollution poses a threat to water quality and is the most significant source of water quality impairment. As a resident or business owner in Frisco, here are a few ways you can help keep our water clean and plentiful.

YARD

Don't over fertilize. Sweep (do not wash) fertilizer and soil off driveways and walkways. Test your soil to see if you need fertilizer and consider organic options.

CAR

Maintain your car to prevent oil leaks and recycle used motor oil by taking it to a disposal facility. Wash your car at a local car wash facility where the water is recycled.

HOME

Use nontoxic or natural household cleaning products. Recycle or properly dispose of household chemicals. Read the labels for guidance.

PET

Pick up pet waste from yards, trails and sidewalks. Pet waste contains nutrients and bacteria that wash into our waterways. Carry a baggie to scoop the poop and toss it in the trash.

You can take your motor oil, paint, anti-freeze, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer to the Environmental Collection Center located at 6616 Walnut St in Frisco. Contact Environmental Services at (972) 292-5900 or environmental.services@friscotexas.gov for questions. See information on this page about the next Chunk Your Junk event.

For questions about Storm Water Quality Issues, please call 972-292-5800 or send your emails to Waterwise@friscotexas.gov.

Frisco Freedom Fest 2010

Thank you to all the sponsors, vendors, community stage performers who helped us celebrate America's Independence with another successful Frisco Freedom Fest. Even though storms rolled through, the food, fun and outstanding home town entertainment continued, and the night ending with a dazzling fireworks display.

You can see dozens of photos from the July 3 event online at Flickr.com/CityOfFriscoTX. Just look for the Frisco Freedom Fest 2010 album. We appreciate you sticking with us despite the soggy weather, and we look forward to the community celebrating the 10th anniversary of Frisco Freedom Fest next July.

Tastefully Done

A big thank you to the 13 restaurants who participated in the Taste of Frisco during Frisco Freedom Fest 2010.

Congratulations are also in order for the winners of the 'best of' contest. Mayor Maher Maso and Frisco City Council members took on the challenge of judging all of the enticing entries. And the winners are...

Best Appetizer

Mattito's - Bob Armstrong Dip

Best Main Dish

Posado's - Fajita Taco

Best Dessert

Fortuna Grill - Cannoli Gelato

Best Unique Dish

Chiqui's Hot Dogs - Shucos

Best Booth Decoration

Dippin' Dots

Best of Show

Fortuna Grill

Mayor Maher Maso (center) and council members Bart Crowder, Pat Fallon and Scott Johnson (left to right) present Fortuna Grill with two 'best of' awards in this year's Taste of Frisco contest. See the complete list of winners on this page.





The City of Frisco
THANKS these businesses
for their participation in
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Corner Bakery Café
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Fortuna Grill
Freddy's Frozen Custard
& Steakhouses
Frisco Chamber of Commerce
Frisco Crossfit
Frisco Square
Gatti Town
Genghis Grill
Grace Church
Great American Cookie Co.

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Marble Slab Creamery
Market Street United
Matita's
More Space Place
North Texas Orthodontics

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See you next year!



HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

- August 2**
■ Frisco Public Arts Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 6:30 p.m.
- August 3**
■ Downtown Advisory Board Meeting, Conference Room 5A, 12 p.m.
- August 4**
■ City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 5:30 p.m.
- August 10**
■ Friends of the Library, 4th Floor, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 7:00 p.m.
■ Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.
- August 11**
■ Housing Trust Fund Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:00 p.m.
- August 12**
■ Parks & Rec. Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.
- August 17**
■ City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 5:30 p.m.
- August 18**
■ Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting, 6801 Gaylord Parkway, Suite 400, 6:00 p.m.
- August 19**
■ Arts of Collin County Meeting, (ACC), City of Allen, 4:00 p.m.
■ Community Development Corporation Board Meeting, Conf Room 3a, 6:30 p.m.
- August 21**
■ Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) Meeting, TBD, 12 p.m.
- August 23**
■ Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.
- August 24**
■ Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.
- August 25**
■ Urban Forestry, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.
- August 26**
■ Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Board Room, 6:45 p.m.
■ N. TX Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, TX (NTMWD Ofc.) 4:00 p.m.
- August 31**
■ Heritage Assoc of Frisco Meeting, 6455 Page St., 7 p.m.

9th Annual Mother Son Dance: an "All Star Evening"

Put on your dancing shoes! It's time for the 9th Annual Mother Son Dance which will be held Saturday, October 9. The location has not been set at this time, but it will be an "All Star Evening" of great music, dancing and light refreshments. Participants are encouraged to come dressed formal or in their favorite sports attire.

Tickets for this memorable evening go on sale Saturday, August 27 at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$12 per person (both mother and son need a ticket) and may be purchased online at FriscoFun.org or in person at the Frisco Athletic Center located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln. at the following times:

Monday through Friday 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday, 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

All tickets purchased online must be picked up at the Frisco Athletic Center by 7 p.m. on Friday, October 8. Tickets may be purchased for either of the two dance times; however, you must attend the dance time for which you purchase tickets.

5:30 – 7 p.m. (ages four to seven)
7:30 – 9 p.m. (ages eight to 12)

In order to purchase tickets online, you must have an account with a Login ID and Password set-up in advance. If you already have an account, but have forgotten your Login ID and Password or if you need to create an account, log on to FriscoFun.org, choose the 'Classes and Athletics' tab and click on the eFun registration link. Scroll down and follow the instructions on how to get started. It may take up to 48 hours to receive a Login ID and Password once a new account has been requested. Please call 972-292-6600 if you have any questions regarding your account.

Photo packages to capture the memories of the evening for you and your son will be available at the event for \$22 (payable at the event, cash or check only). The packages include two 5x7 prints and eight wallet-size photos presented in a customized folder. Participants are encouraged to arrive early for these portraits.

For more information about this event, visit our website at **FriscoFun.org** or email KFitzPatrick@FriscoTexas.gov.

Registration for fall, winter parks & recreation classes begins August 2

In the heat of the summer, why not think about something cool? We have filled the fall/winter edition of the Frisco Fun Guide with 'snow much fun' for you and your family. In this edition we are getting you ready for fall and the beginning of the holiday season.

You will find information on a favorite fall event – the 9th Annual Mother Son Dance – and a new event this year, the Pumpkin Splash Patch. There are all kinds of great holiday events and classes that will help keep your fitness goals and budget under control through this busy time of year. You will love the money saving classes, and your kids will stay busy with camps and classes taking place during the holiday breaks.

Registration begins August 2 for Frisco residents and members of the Frisco Athletic Center. All others may begin registering August 4. The fun guide will be available to view online at FriscoFun.org July 26, or you may pick-up a copy at one of the following locations: the Frisco Public Library, the Frisco Chamber of Commerce, Parks & Recreation Administration Building or the Frisco Athletic Center.

Registration is available online at **FriscoFun.org**, by mail or in-person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane, during regular hours of business. For more information email FriscoFun@FriscoTexas.gov.

Library

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is at its busiest. The improved check out also features a help button that will signal a member of the library staff to come to you. The device to unlock CDs and DVDs is also smaller and easier to use.

A new feature of Express Check allows patrons to opt for a 'greener' way to receive their check out receipt. For the first time an email option is available that will allow the receipt to go to an inbox instead of printing out. "The email feature will allow us to save a great deal of paper each year," said Werchan.

In addition to the circulation system overhaul, the public access computers will undergo a transformation during the library closure as well. While the Express Check offers a more efficient process, the new public access stations will offer technology that is more energy efficient.

The desktop computers currently at the library's computer



Currently the equipment for the self-checkout system in the library covers the entire desk. After the August conversion, patrons will see a sleeker, less crowded work station for easier use.

lab and other public access terminals will be replaced by a device called a Pano box, which acts as a virtual desktop. Each patron's virtual desktop will be housed directly on the city's servers. The energy consumption is just a fraction of what the traditional desktops require.

"The computer experience will not change," said Steve Leblond, a technical support specialist for the city's IT department. "Patrons will still have their monitor, mouse and keyboard, software and Internet access, but the actual computer towers disappear and are replaced by the small Pano cube that is about the



size of a stack of post-it notes."

The energy savings comes from the fact that the Pano box draws almost no electricity. The Pano box is also more cost effective. It has no moving parts and does not require overhead to maintain. It is a more secure solution as well. There is nothing that is saved or housed on the Pano boxes.

Patrons can help make the process run smoothly by returning checked out items to the library before August 17. The drive-through return behind the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center will remain open as usual, 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-

week while the library is closed.

Students wanting to complete required summer reading should plan ahead due to the library being closed a week before school starts. Items that have been placed on hold will remain on hold, but those items will be unavailable for pick up while the library is closed. You can pick up items when the library reopens on August 27.

The temporary closure is a great time for patrons to get familiar with all of the Frisco Public Library's online services. Go to the website FriscoLibrary.com to download e-books to your computer, smart phone and other mobile devices. Audio books, music and videos are also available on the library website plus, several more services. So explore the library from home or on the go.

Volunteers are needed to help get all the circulation upgrade done. You could help retag some of the very items that you check out. If you are available to assist, email volunteer@friscotexas.gov to express your interest and to register if you are not already part of the city's municipal volunteer program.



Frisco Fire accepting applications for fall citizen training programs

Citizen's Fire Academy Class No. 26

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) Class No. 26 starting Thursday, September 9. CFA classes provide the community with information about the operation and organization of the Frisco Fire Department. The academy is open to those over the age of 18 who live or work within the City of Frisco. CFA classes cover an array of captivating themes including fire

ground operations, emergency medical services, arson investigation and fire safety education. In addition to the classroom lessons taught by Frisco Fire personnel, CFA participants will have many opportunities for hands on activities.

Community Emergency Response Team Class No. 18

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class No. 18 which starts Monday,

September 13. CERT classes train citizens to give critical support to first responders in emergencies and provide assistance in the event of a major disaster. The program is open to those persons over the age of 18 who either live or work within the City of Frisco. During classes, citizens study a variety of disaster topics such as medical operations, severe weather, infection control, team organization, light search and rescue and many others. The program wraps up with a disaster scenario where team members must respond

effectively using the skills they have learned in CERT classes.

How to apply

Applications are available for download at friscofire.com or can be picked up at any Frisco fire station. This nine-week CERT program meets on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The nine-week CFA program meets on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. If interested, contact the Frisco Fire Department at (972) 292-6300.

NNO

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than ever before.

Plan your own party or inquire with your Homeowners Association to see if any plans for a party have already been made. Cook outs and bounce houses are always popular features of NNO parties, but there are no specific guidelines.

The usual timeframe for NNO block parties is 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Police ask each block party have a sign-in sheet to help keep track of the number of NNO participants.

Frisco's National Night Out celebration is so big that it takes more than one day to celebrate. See page 3 for a list of planned activities in conjunction with the city's night out against crime.

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Wednesday, July 28 – Saturday, July 31 various locations and times

Give blood, save lives and vote for your favorite hero. Cast your ballot for the Frisco Police or Frisco Fire Department at any of the locations listed below. The badge with the most votes wins the coveted "Battle of the Badges Blood Drive" trophy.

Wednesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Frisco Central Fire Station

(Blood Donation bus will be located in the front of the building)

Thursday, July 29

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

City Hall McCallum Room

(6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 4th Floor City Hall)

Friday, July 30

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Frisco Police Dept. Training Room

(7200 Stonebrook Pkwy.)

Saturday, July 31

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Stonebriar Centre

Safety Palooza

Saturday, July 31

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Frisco Police Department

Come help Frisco's public safety professionals kick off National Night Out 2010 at the Frisco Police Department, located at 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy. Admission to Safety Palooza is free.

Check out all the cool police and fire equipment and vehicles. Also get a close-up look at a CareFlite helicopter.

You can see demonstrations by the police department's motors unit and a U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tactical canine.

Cool off and enjoy an icy treat from Frisco's very own Snow Cone Lady.

CPR Classes

The Frisco Fire Department offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes twice each month free of charge to Frisco residents and those who work in Frisco. Fire Department personnel certified as CPR instructors by the American Heart Association provide instruction on CPR techniques for infants, children and adults, as well as how to administer assistance to someone who is choking.

The four-hour classes are typically held the first and third Wednesday of each month. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Upcoming 2010 dates still open are September 1 or 15. Go online to FriscoFire.org to check the availability of spring class dates.

First Aid Classes

The Frisco Fire Department also offers American Heart Association Heartsaver first aid courses as companion courses to CPR training. These classes provide a general background in simple first aid concepts and are free of charge to Frisco residents and those employed in the Frisco community. Classes are limited to 30 participants. Registrations are being accepted for 2010 dates of October 9 and December 11.

Those interested in CPR and first aid classes should call Central Fire Station at 972-292-6300 to check the availability or make reservations.

Summer fun at the Frisco Senior Center

Get out those Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts for the Summer Luau at the Senior Center at Frisco Square. The annual luau will be held Thursday, July 29 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and will feature authentic hula dancers and a feast of ham, salad, fruits, vegetables and desert.

The party doesn't stop there! Prizes will be awarded to the best Hawaiian dressed

male and female, so don't forget your leis and coconut tops! Show off your hula skills and enjoy fun games and prizes.

Sponsors for this event include Senior Select Home Health and Rambling Oaks. Participants must sign up at the Senior Center by Monday, July 26. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door the day of the event.

Hot Titles and Cool Reads at the Frisco Public Library

MARLA SUMMERS

ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN

In time for the dog days of summer, hot new reads are arriving at the Frisco Public Library. Have you been waiting for the release of Janet Evanovich's Sizzlin' Sixteen or James Patterson's Private?

Want to get on the hold list for them? You can. Once the titles are ordered and entered in our catalog, our librarians can put you on the hold list. This is a great way to be the first in line for that hot new bestseller.

If you like to listen to the bestsellers instead of reading them; you can do that too. We have many new books available in audio on CD or for download to your MP3 player, computer, or iPod. Log onto our website, FriscoLibrary.com, and click on the 'Digital Collections Downloads' to view all the titles available. We have three digital collections to browse. You can also ask any of the Adult Services staff for help on navigating this great resource.

If you want a head's up on some great new titles coming soon to the Frisco Public Library, read on! Do you like mystery? Well, coming soon are: The Glass Rainbow by James Lee Burke, The Rembrandt Affair by Daniel Silva, and Live to Tell by Lisa Gardner. Maybe romance is your choice for a hot summer day.

In that case, we have Nora Roberts' The Search, Lisa Kleypas' Love in the Afternoon, or maybe you prefer Gena Showalter's The Darkest Lie. If your choice is cooling off in the shade with some good general fiction, then check out Jennifer Weiner's Fly Away Home or Elin Hilderbrand's The Island. These are just a few titles coming our way this summer. Remember, you can be among the first to read these new releases by going to any Ask Us desk at the library and asking to be put on the hold list.

You still have time to read these new releases and other books and mark them down on your summer reading log. The logs can be turned in any time between July 6 and August 15, making you eligible for some great prizes. So get reading Frisco!

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate.

1 City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construction of a five-story parking structure to accommodate 574 cars. Design was completed in August 2009. Bids were opened in September 2009. Construction began in December 2009 and is expected to be completed in 12 months. CONSTRUCTION

2 Eldorado Parkway (DNT – Preston Road) w/ overpass

Scope: Construction of three northern lanes and a third lane on the south side for a six-lane divided roadway with median and an overpass at the BNSF Railroad. Tiseo Paving began construction in July 2009. Traffic was switched to the new concrete on May 19, 2010. Contractor is currently repairing deteriorated concrete on eastbound lanes and constructing third eastbound lane. Estimated completion of construction is late 2010. CONSTRUCTION

3 FM 3537/Main Improvements (Custer-Preston)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Design is approximately 95 percent complete. The project is anticipated to begin ROW acquisition in summer 2010. Utility adjustments will begin after completion of ROW acquisition. Project is expected to be bid by TxDOT in summer 2011. Construction is anticipated to take 24 months. DESIGN

4 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado) Middle Section

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. Austin Bridge and Road was low bidder. Utility relocations are underway. Road construction is expected to begin in summer 2010 and is estimated to require 24 months to complete. PRE-CONSTRUCTION

5 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado - US 380) North Section

Scope: Replace existing two-

lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median, including streetlights and traffic signals. Review of 95 percent plans submitted by Dannebaum has been completed by TxDOT and city staff. TxDOT expects to bid the project in fall 2011 or upon completion of ROW acquisition and utility relocation. Construction is estimated to require 24 months to complete. DESIGN

6 FM 2478/Custer Rd (Stonebridge - US 380)

Scope: Widen existing two-lane asphalt roadway to six-lane concrete divided roadway. TxDOT opened bids on January 13, 2009. Low bidder was Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating. Contractor is currently constructing the future north bound lanes. Construction began in August 2009 and is estimated to take 26 months to complete. CONSTRUCTION

7 Stonebrook Parkway (DNT to Preston)

Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct westbound lanes to widen roadway to six lanes. Design is approximately 95 percent complete. Design is expected to be completed in summer 2010. Construction should begin in fall of 2010 and is estimated to take 14 months to complete. DESIGN

8 SH 289/Preston Road (Main - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway to replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway. TxDOT opened bids in October 2008. Mario Sinacola and Sons began construction began in August 2009. The contractor has completed paving two northbound lanes on the north end of the project and is constructing the bridges at Panther Creek and Parvin Branch. Estimated date for construction to be completed is late 2011. CONSTRUCTION

9 Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct four-lane roadway with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland,

permits, & environmental coordination with Corps of Engineers. Design by HNTB is 95 percent complete. Estimated start of construction is early 2011. DESIGN

10 Rolater Road (Independence - Custer)

Scope: Construct two east bound lanes to provide four-lane roadway including bridge over Rowlett Creek. Design is 95 percent complete. Construction expected to begin in fall 2010 and will take eight months to complete. DESIGN

11 Lebanon & DNT Intersection Improvements

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the tollway. Design by Kimley-Horn is approximately 95 percent complete. Construction will not begin until completion of Legacy Drive and Lebanon Road Intersections improvements. Construction is expected to take seven months to complete. DESIGN

12 Rockhill Road (Virginia Pkwy) (CR26 - Preston)

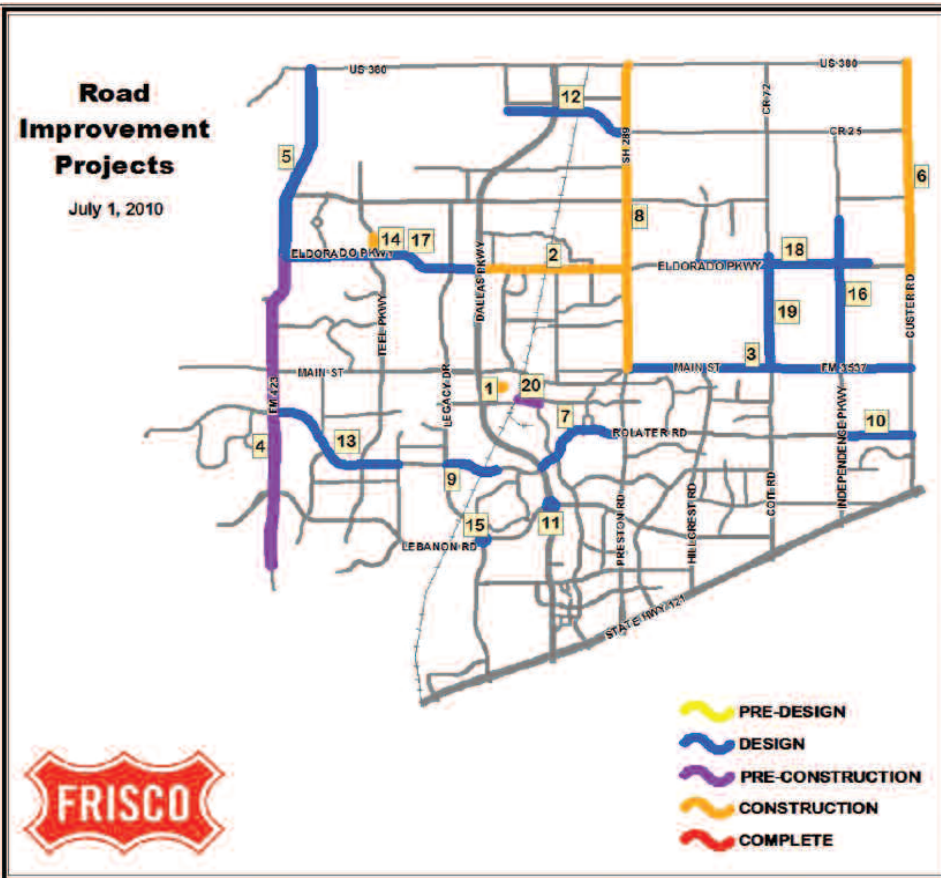
Scope: Construct six-lane roadway, including a bridge over BNSF Railroad and a bridge over Parvin Branch, from County Road 26 to Preston Road. Design, by Kimley-Horn, is 60 percent complete and expected to be completed in early 2011. Construction will begin when funding for the project is available. DESIGN

13 Stonebrook Parkway (FM 423 to 4th Army Memorial)

Scope: Construct a four-lane roadway between FM 423 and Teel and widen from two lanes to four lanes from Teel to 4th Army Memorial Drive. Design, by Huitt Zollars is 95 percent complete and is expected to be completed in June 2010. Construction should be completed by summer 2011. DESIGN

14 Teel Parkway (Eldorado Parkway to Freestone)

Scope: Construct the two



northbound lanes to complete the 4 lane roadway. Project includes lighting, irrigation and landscaping from Eldorado to Panther Creek Parkway. Bids were opened on September 17, 2009 with Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating being the low bidder. The new lanes were opened on May 26, 2010. The project is expected to be completed in July 2010. CONSTRUCTION

15 Legacy and Lebanon Intersection

Scope of work is the reconstruction of the intersection to eliminate an existing bump in the pavement and to widen each approach to two left-turn lanes, three through lanes and a right-turn lane. Legacy Drive will be widened to six lanes from Lebanon to Warren Parkway. Eastbound left-turn lanes on Lebanon will be added at Compass Drive and Village Boulevard. Design is 90 percent complete. DESIGN

16 Independence Parkway

(Main to North City limits)

Scope of project is the construction of two northbound lanes to complete the 4-lane roadway. Design by RLK Engineering began in February 2010 and is 30 percent complete. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2010 and be completed in early 2011. DESIGN

17 Eldorado Parkway Lighting and Landscaping (FM 423 to DNT)

Scope: The improvements include sidewalks and lighting and irrigation in median. Design by Kimley-Horn is approximately 90 percent complete. Construction of sidewalks is expected to begin in June 2010 and be completed before school starts in August 2010. Lighting and the irrigation and landscaping will be completed in separate two separate contracts. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2010. DESIGN

18 Eldorado Parkway (Preston – Custer)

Scope: Project is to widen Eldorado Parkway from four to six lanes from Fragrant Drive to Custer and widen from two to six lanes from Preston to Fragrant Drive. Design by Kennedy Consultants began in March 2010 and is expected to be completed by summer 2011. DESIGN

19 Coit Road (Main Street – Eldorado)

Scope: Project is to construct a four lane road from Main Street to north of Eldorado Parkway ending at the property line of Frisco ISD school site. Design began in May 2010 and is expected to be completed in early spring 2011. Construction should begin in spring 2011 and be completed in nine months. DESIGN

20 Eubanks

Scope: Reconstruct 1,000 feet of pavement west of Parkwood Boulevard. Design is complete. Bids were opened on June 2. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2011. DESIGN